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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, CG, UR

SUBJECT: ZAIRE-SOVIET RELATIONS

- 1. DURING OUR MEETING JAN 16, PRESIDENT MOBUTU MENTIONED THAT WHEN HE HAD RETURNED TO KINSHASA THAT MORNING SOVIET AMBASSADOR LAVRE STEPPED OUT OF DIPLOMATIC LINE-UP TO SAY HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO SEEK URGENT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. MOBUTU SAID HE HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE LAVROV MORNING JAN 17.
- $2.\ I$  HOPE TO SEE MOBUTU AGAIN IN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND WILL SEE

IF THERE IS ANY FALL-OUT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, LAVROV HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TOP LEADERSHIP HERE SINCE HIS LAST MEETING WITH MOBUTU EARLY DECEMBER. CUTLER

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